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IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended abstract:

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B1 - - A system for detecting and rewarding the return of shopping carts to collection points ~~provided therefore is~~ provided. A signal corresponding to a dividend is generated as soon as a shopping cart is returned to a collection point. The signal is only generated when the shopping cart is returned correctly to a row of shopping carts. The correct return of the shopping carts is monitored by ~~means of~~ a digital image processing camera or with an optical signal transmitter which cooperates with evaluation units disposed on the shopping cart. - -

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